



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

CORPUS CHRISTI CWL COUNCIL

Past President: Gloria Chopik

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Pat

National Theme: Catholic and Living It
Provincial Theme: Embracing Christ in Everyone
Diocesan Theme: Connecting with Love

CWL REGULAR MEETING Minutes – January 10th, 2024.

PRAYER:

We humbly pray you, O God our Father, to bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes and families. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill your great law charity. Teach us to share with others, at home and abroad, the good things you have given us. This we ask, through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. AMEN

Welcome: Sandy Henderson as our new president welcomed all members and Prayer to Our Lady of Good Council: God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come. Amen.

Welcome: Sandy Henderson as the new president welcomed all members and gave a brief bio of herself.

Spiritual Reflection: Donna Rush – read a story about the Abbott and the Hermit (the Messiah is among us).

Correspondence & Communication: Ann Antonishen

Read the minutes from the Nov 8th, 2023, meeting. There were 2 corrections brought forward.

Fr. Pat has approved renovations to the church kitchen.

The tree to be planted at the parish grounds was mandated by National.

These corrections were made, and the minutes were then adopted as read.

The photo and name of the 2023 recipient of Okanagan College bursary was passed around for the membership to see. Photo and letter will be placed in CWL history book.

Fr. Pat arrived at the meeting to give us his Blessing for the new year and for continued work of the CWL.

Treasurer's Report – Caroline Ann-Alter thanked Mary Cacchioni for all her past service to the council.

Presented a Financial Statement for Oct, Nov & Dec 2023. The current net balance is \$11,180.57.

Approximately \$3K to be paid to National for the membership fees. Arranged to have the books audited and handed off the books to newly elected treasurer Marie Federico.

Service (Health & Education) – Jennie Sali/Madeline Burnell/Betty Bosley

Jennie presented the annual report for 2023.

Betty reported that she sent stamps to Br. Dominique, however to date has received no acknowledgement.

Betty will phone to follow-up and provide an update for the Feb 14th Meeting.

Membership/Council Report - Marg Ward reported that there are 81 paid up members for 2024.

Marg announced the members' birthdays and anniversaries for Dec & Jan and all members joined in to sing happy birthdays.

Vice President Report – Paulette Wolfe – no report.

Historian Report: Elaine Senger/Evelyn Vielvoye. Elaine reported that 26 members were present at the meeting.

Social justice: Gloria Chopik. Gloria is reviewing all the SJ issues and will try to chose one or two to focus on. Gloria also suggested that she find an institution to help identify women that are struggling with drug addiction and perhaps we could consider advocating to reinstate institutions to help these women to get them off the street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The charges for catering funeral lunches were reviewed and a consensus was not reached. Sandy suggested that this matter be discussed at the council exec meeting on Feb 7th.

Update on estimates for kitchen countertop replacements – Anna Bannick.

Anna spoke with Lucy Wilcox who used to work for a countertop company that did install stainless steel countertops. Lucy said she would be willing to get that company to give us a quote for the kitchen. Father has approved the renovation.

Other renovations required are – the kitchen flooring needs replacement as well as some of Father’s appliances.

A tree will be planted in spring 2024 as mandated by National – Janet O’Flynn.

Betty Bosley will submit her expenses for reimbursement for sending postage stamps to Br. Dominique.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janet made a motion to refund \$10.00 to all members who attended the Christmas Dinner. Lea Rippel 2nd the motion. Motion voted and all were in favor. Motion carried. Anyone that wants a refund can ask Marie Federico.

Donna Rush made a motion that whoever is having a birthday in the month should bring the goodies and make coffee for the meeting. Sandy 2nd the motion. The motion was voted on and all were in favor. Motion passed. Sandy said her birthday is in March so she will bring the goodies and arrange to make coffee.

Kate made a motion to have a stew fest on Sat. Feb 10th as it is a great fund raiser and shows that we are open to serving the community. Donna Rush 2nd the motion. Motion was voted on and carried. Kate will recruit members to help.

OTHER ITEM/S of Interest:

New Executive positions for 2024/25 were finalized today. Thank You to Janet, Jennie, and Betty for serving as the nomination committee.

One day retreat will be held on April 13th at ICC parish. Details are being finalized and will be presented on Feb 14th Meeting. Marg and Ann

The 88th Diocesan Convention for 2024 will be hosted by Summerland May 2-5th, 2024. Caroline

Deadline to book a hotel room is March 7th, 2024. Some people are choosing to commute daily, and some will choose to stay in Penticton and commute or stay at the Rosedale Motl in Summerland.

The 2025 Provincial Convention will be held in Kelowna at Sandman Inn. There will be volunteers required from our parish to help with this event. Caroline

Next Executive Meeting – Feb 7th, 2024.

Next Regular Meeting – Feb 14th, 2024. Valentines Day.

Motion to adjourn today’s meeting - Donna Rush

Motion 2nd by - Jennie Sali

The meeting at adjourned at 11:50am with the following prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER:

My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you and to show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day my mind, my heart, my whole being, without reserve. Wherefore good Mother as I am yours, keep me, guard me as your property and possession. AMEN

Ann Antonishen, Secretary

Date signed.

Sandy Henderson, President

Date signed.